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# Featherstone High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: End of Half Term

Your children have been fantastic throughout this half term. Everyone can now have a well-deserved break over the coming weeks so that they are ready to go for it with even greater effort and commitment next half term. It is important that students in Years 11 and 13 complete some work over the two weeks - some may need your help and support to do this - but it is important that they also take a decent break if they are to perform at their best over the next six to eight months.

## A Packed Half Term

This has been an absolutely packed half term. We have had a number of parents' information and meet the tutor evenings and I am grateful to everyone who attended. The term started with the wonderful Awards celebration evening which will live long in the memory. We have also had several educational visits and field trips; many visiting speakers; a whole host of trips into central London to theatres and universities and a Spanish GCSE trip to Barcelona. Of course, we must not forget all the lessons, all the sports events and all the daily business that has gone on both peacefully and energetically every day too. It has been an excellent half term.

## A Note on Uniform

I must remind parents and families again that full and correct uniform is not negotiable. I must ask parents to use half term to replace any pieces of uniform that need replacing. This applies to shoes too. Any pupil who returns after half term without the correct full uniform risks being sent home or placed in the reflection room. It is also vital that students do not wear additional items that are not part of the school uniform. They also run the risk of being sent home or having the item confiscated.

## In Other News

Of course, this has also been the term where we had to shut a number of rooms due to RAAC. I am grateful to all the staff who have shown great flexibility and resilience in rolling with the changes and we hope to learn more from the Department of Education in the next few weeks. We are likely to have to live without the A block for a little while and so, over half term, we will be adapting some of the sixth form rooms into Art rooms. I will keep you updated as I know more.

Finally, thank you for your unstinting support of the school, your children, and the staff. Have a fantastic half term.

We will see everyone back on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We come back in the middle of a Week B.

Mr N. Walters  
Headteacher